

*Serial No. 10/691,856
Amendment dated Dec. 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Sept. 12, 2005*

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

~~Selected portions of the disclosure of the present application are found in one or both of the following two priority documents filed in the United States: This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/421,882 filed October 28, 2002; and U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/453,737 filed March 6, 2003. Each of these two identified provisional applications, is incorporated herein by reference. A priority right, to the extent appropriate, is claimed from each of the two identified provisional applications.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 25 and extending to page 2, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

Air filtering is used in a variety of arrangements. A typical application is as an air cleaner for intake air to internal combustion engines. After a period of use, filter media within the cleaner requires servicing, either through cleaning or complete replacement. Typically, for an air cleaner used with an internal combustion engine such as on a vehicle, filter media is contained in a removable or replaceable (i.e., serviceable) component, element or cartridge. Examples are shown in US patents 4,211,543; 4,135,899; 3,672,130; B1 5,445,241; 5,700,304; 6,051,042; 6,039,778; 5,547,480; 5,755,842; and 5,800,581; and PCT publication WO 89/01818; the complete disclosures of all of these references being incorporated herein by reference. US Application 09/729,033 filed December 4, 2000, issued as U.S. patent 6,652,614, also shows such an element, with a unique interaction shown between the element and an end cover. The disclosure of the 09/729,033 application U.S. patent 6,652,614 is also incorporated herein by reference.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The present disclosure concerns an air cleaner configuration. A variety of enhancements to prior art air cleaners is provided. Various ones, or selected ones, of the enhancements can be used to provide a useful air cleaner. The particular air cleaner depicted in Fig. 1-13, and the alternates of Figs. 14-33 show or demonstrate examples of many of the various enhancements described herein. There is no requirement that in any and all practices of the techniques and principles of the present enclosure, all of the enhancements described need to be used. Many of the features are described in co-owned, copending, U.S. Provisional applications 60/421,882, filed October 28, 2002 and 60/453,737 filed March 6, 2003, each of the two identified U.S. provisional applications being incorporated herein by reference.

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